

REMARKS

Claims 42-61 are pending in this application. Claims 42 and 50 have been amended by the present Amendment. No new matter is added by the amendment to claims 42 and 50.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), stating that the limitation in claim 46 “wherein the distance between the major edges of each tilt region is in a range between about 10 microns and about 30 microns” must be shown (*clearly marked in the drawing(s)*). ”

In accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion, Applicant has amended Fig. 3 to include arrows A and the specification at page 18 to include reference to arrows A in connection with the distance between the major edges of each tilt region being in a range between about 10 microns and about 30 microns. A replacement sheet for Fig. 3 is being filed herewith.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 46 and 50 have been objected to for the reasons stated on page 3 of the April 17, 2008 Office Action. As per the Examiner’s suggestion, Applicant has amended the drawings so that the limitations in claim 46 are clear. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 50 as per the Examiner’s suggestion.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claims 46 and 50.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 42, 43 and 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,119,870 ("Nishikawa").

In addition, reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 44, 45, 48 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishikawa.

Applicant respectfully submits that Nishikawa does not disclose or suggest the limitations of claim 42, especially, a plurality of pixel electrodes including edges extending substantially parallel to the curved portions of the second lines.

Therefore, Applicant maintains that claim 42 is not anticipated by, and is patentable over the cited reference.

Further, for at least the reason that claims 42-45 and 47-49 depend from claim 42, claims 42-45 and 47-49 are also submitted not to be anticipated by and to be patentably distinct over the cited reference.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 42-45 and 47-49 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 51-61 are allowed.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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